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case of New York City, would require consideration and public hearings by the City Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate. After ultimate approval of the preliminary plan, the designated agency would prepare a final plan that also would be subject to public hearings prior to adoption.

2 CAPTIVES IN CHINA CALLED U. S. AGENTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP) —Charles Edmundson, a former official of the United States Information Agency, said today that at least some of the ten Americans still in prison in Communist China were agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Edmundson, who was discharged from his post in Korea for publicly criticizing United States foreign policy, said that "certainly Downey and Fecteau" were agents.

He did not further identify the two men. The State Department has in the past identified among the ten Americans John T. Downey of New Britain, Conn., and Richard Fecteau of Lynn, Mass. It said they were Army civilian employees captured by the Communists after a plane crash.

Mr. Edmundson said the fact that some of the prisoners were agents was known to the Chinese Communists. He criticized the Administration for picturing the men as "simple, innocent Americans." He said they might be innocent of Red charges "but they are C. I. A. agents."

Mr. Edmundson suggested on "College News Conference," television program of the American Broadcasting Company, that the State Department's ban on travel to Red China by American newsmen might be prompted by its desire to conceal the true activities of some of the prisoners. Neither the C. I. A. nor the information agency had an immediate comment on Mr. Edmundson's statement.

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